फर्रुखाबाद-शाहजहांपुर रेलवे लाइन

238. **श्री शिव कुमार मिश्र** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुछ वर्ष पहले उत्तर प्रदेश में फर्रुखाबाद-शाहजहांपुर-मैलानी के बीच एक नई रेलवे लाइन बिछाने के लिए एक सर्वेक्षण किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि शाहजहांपुर-मैलानी लाइन 1915 के वर्ष तक चलती थी और इस रेलवे लाइन को प्रथम विश्व युद्ध के दौरान इस आश्वासन के साथ बन्द किया गया था कि बाद में इसे फिर से चालू कर दिया जाएगा ?

रेल मंत्रालय मे राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) शाहजहापुर के रास्ते, फर्रुखाबाद से गोला गोकरणनाथ तथा फर्रुखाबाद से मैलानी, इन दो वैकल्पिक मार्गों के लिए 1977 में सर्वेक्षण किया गया था । यह परियोजना वित्तीय दृष्टि से लाभप्रद नही पायी गई थी तथा संसाधनों की अत्यधिक तंगी और हाथ में ली हुई भारी वचन-बद्धताओं को देखते हुये इस पर आगे कार्रवाई नही की गयी ।

(ग) शाहबाजनगर (शाहजहापुर के निकट) तथा मैलानी के बीच चलने वाली स्टीम ट्रामवे को बहुत समय पहले बन्द कर दिया गया था । इसे पुनः चालू करने के लिए कभी बाद में दिये गये किसी आश्वासन के बारे में कोई रिकार्ड उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

Triveni Canal in Bihar

239. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Triveni canal in Bihar is being modernised;

(b) whether Government are aware of the use of sub-standard materials in modernisation;

(c) whether it is a fact that peasants are required to defray the expenses of modernisation; and

(d) what is the date fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Some portion of the cost of modernisation is expected to come from the beneficiaries. However, the Government of Bihar has not reported the position in this matter.

(d) The scheme is proposed to be completed during the VIIth Five-Year Plan.

Universalisation of elementary education

240. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a plan for achieving the target of universalisation of elementary education by the year 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether special emphasis is being laid on enrolment of girls which has been very poor in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (d) According to the policy frame of the Sixth Five-Year Plan, universalisation of elementary education is proposed to be achieved by 1990. For operational purposes it was envisaged to achieve 95 per cent coverage at primary level (age-group 6-11) and 50 per cent coverage at middle level (age-group 11-14) by the end of 1984-85 while 100 per cent coverage in both the age-groups was envisaged to be achieved by 1990. The VIIth

Plan proposals prepared by the Ministry of Education are in keeping with the target of achievement of universalisation of elementary education by 1990. It is estimated that by the end of 1984-85 out of approximately 1400 lakh children in the age-group 6-14; 1160 lakhs would be enrolled. By the end of Seventh Plan *i.e.* 1989-90, it is estimated that 1800 lakh children will have to be enrolled to achieve universalisation of elementary education. Accordingly an estimated 640 lakh additional children will have to be enrolled by 1990. It is proposed to cover 250 lakhs through formal schools and 390 lakhs through non-formal system. Since enrolment of girls is lagging behind, special emphasis is being laid on enrolment of girls for which two specific schemes, are in operation in nine educationally backward States, *viz.* Andhra Pradesh Assam, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. These schemes are (1) Centrally sponsored scheme of non-formal education centres exclusively for girls on 90:10 sharing basis; and (2) Centrally sponsored scheme of appointment of women teachers in primary schools on 80:20 sharing basis. In addition to these a scheme of incentive/awards for excellence of performance in enrolment of girls at the elementary level to all States/UTs at the Panchayat/CD Block/TD Block/ district/State levels is in operation since 1983-84.

Apart from the above States have been advised to extend the coverage of other incentive schemes being operated by them for girls and other weaker sections of society such as SC/ST.

Opening of a UGCs Branch in the South

241. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI R SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI R SAMBA SIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Times of India' of 8th July, 1985 under the caption UGC branch urged in South;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Education Ministers of three Southern States have urged the Centre to open a branch of the University Grants Commission for Southern States in Hyderabad with powers to sanction adequate funds to educational institutions; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been/ is being taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recently, the Education Minister of Andhra Pradesh had made such a suggestion.

(c) The Government have at present no proposal to establish Regional Offices of the University Grants Commission in any part of the country.

Invitation to Bhopal Doctors from various Medical Associations in the U. K.

242. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of both senior Government doctors and also those doing private practice in Bhopal have received invitations from various medical associations in the US to participate in seminars or meetings to discuss the Bhopal gas disaster; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Government do not have any